

Radio News Bulletin Sunday 5th April 2015

Silent Key – Kevin EI9JD

The death has occurred of Kevin C. Kelly, EI9JD, of Gusserane New Ross County Wexford. Kevin was originally from County Galway and lived in UK and France before retiring to County Wexford. His UK callsign was G4DON and his French callsign F5VAB. Kevin was laid to rest last Sunday March 29th in Gusserane Cemetery.

May he rest in peace

Return of Trophies

A final reminder to return your award /trophy received at last years IRTS AGM. Peter EI4HX is looking forward to return of these trophies/awards now. You may contact Peter EI4HX at QTHR or by email ei4hxperimental@eircom.net or see call book.

2 Metres Counties Contest

This contest takes place tomorrow, Easter Monday from 2pm to 4pm local time. There are separate sections for portable and fixed stations, low power and high power, as well as an FM Only section for single ops and an SWL section.

To ensure everyone gets a fair chance of calling CQ, there is a special 'QSY Rule' to the effect that after any QSO in which you are called by another station, you must QSY to another channel (FM), or by at least 3 kHz (SSB), before soliciting another QSO, while the station answering the CQ or QRZ has the frequency for one more contact. See www.irts.ie/contests for more details.

The 2 metres counties contest is a very popular event, it's a good opportunity for individuals and groups to test VHF propagation.

Note that the Contest Manager is now Joe EI7GY, so any paper logs being sent should go directly to Joe at his home address - listed in the call book. Emailed logs go to contestmanager@irts.ie

2m Nets

SEARG will continue their 2m net on Tuesday nights after the IRTS weekly news. This is to promote the use of the band, which has seen a decline in use. The intended frequency used is 145.400MHz and net has had many stations calling in since its introduction. Everyone welcome to join in.

Fingal Radio Club and Dermot EI2HD also continue their 2m call-in on Wednesday and every Wednesday at 7p.m. Please try and give your support by getting on the air. Keep 2metres alive. The frequency is 145.7625MHz, CTCSS 88.5KHz on the Dublin repeater.

EI150ITU

IRTS has been issued with the call sign EI150 ITU to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the International Telecommunication Union in 1865. The call sign is available for use by any EI station in the 26 counties holding a current amateur station licence. Anyone wishing to use the call sign can do so subject to notifying Dave O'Conner EI6AL of the times/ bands/modes prior to going on the air so as to avoid any potential duplication. Anyone applying to use the call sign is considered to be undertaking to use it in accordance with the ComReg Regulations, Technical Conditions, Frequency allocations and Guidelines relating to amateur stations. It is also essential that logs (preferably in ADI format) are kept when using the call sign and copies emailed to Dave EI6AL so that a central log can be held for QSL or other purposes. Dave can be contacted at dave.ei6al /at/ gmail.com or by phone on 086 1000000

83rd IRTS AGM Dinner and Rally – 25th/26thApril-

Kilkenny 2015

More than 80% of the dinner tickets for the IRTS annual dinner on 25th April have now been sold or reserved. Anyone wishing to attend the dinner and who has not bought or booked their tickets are asked to contact the organising committee members as soon as possible via email at irtsagm /at/ searg.com Admission to the dinner is strictly by ticket only.

Lough Erne Radio Rally

The Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club 34th Annual Rally will be held on Sunday 10th May at the Share Centre, Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh. Doors open at 11.30am. www.learc.eu

CQMM DX Contest – 30th Anniversary

2015 sees the CWJF Group celebrating 30 years since it first started. This years event takes place on April 18th and 19th and the organisers are looking forward to you joining in. Send your log to cwjf /at/ cqmmcx.com. www.cwjf.com.br

DX News

Four Japanese operators will be active from Samoa from 9th to 15th April. Calls to look for are 5W0KJ, 5W0JY, 5W0VE and 5W0MA. This is a holiday style expedition and they plan to be on 160 – 10m on SSB, CW and RTTY.

Chatham Island will be activated by three New Zealanders using the callsign ZL7E until 15th April. They will operate 40 – 10m on SSB, CW and RTTY. QSLs should be requested using OQRS on Club Log.

Francois F8DVD will operate as JW/F8DVD from Spitzbergen Island in the Svalbard Archipelago from 9th to 15th April. He will operate from the shack of the JW5E club station. QSLs go via his home call.

Wes ZL3TE will visit Fiji for several days from 10th to 13th April. He will use the callsign 3D2SE and use mainly CW. QSL to his home call.

The special event station ZS90SARL has been on the air since the beginning of January. This station marks the 90th anniversary of the South African Radio League. The final day of operation is 19th April so there are only a few more weeks to get the call in your log.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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